

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)

Brian Howard (*RUFI-Clemson University*)

Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean Region*)

Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)

Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life – U.S. Latino*)

Ministry Committees, 2026

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Lee Summerville, *Chairman* (2026)

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Lee Guempel (2028)

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Pete Lawson (2028)

Lorie Hawley (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2026)

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Michael Laws (2027)

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Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)



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The Lord's Day, January 11, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
 the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
 let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
 and the sheep of his hand.

(Psalm 95:1-7, ESV)

*Hymn 2

O Worship the King

Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 36 *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (Psalm 139:1-12)*

Scripture Meditation

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

(Matthew 22:34-40, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Reading

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul,

Preparation for Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.

But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

From *The Valley of Vision*

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Congregation

Children's Message

(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 50:1-11

Sermon

"The Servant's Obedience"

Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 688

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735

The Gloria Patri

Congregation

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today's Schedule

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| 8:50 am | Early Prayer (Pastor's Study) |
| 9:00 am | Sunday School |
| 10:00 am | Morning Worship Service |
| 5:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| 6:00 pm | Children's Groups and Adult Bible Study |

This Week at Olivet

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| Tuesday | Ladies Evening Circle, 7 pm |
| Wednesday | Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room) |

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

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| Next Sunday | Joint Officers Meeting, 2 pm |
| January 24 | Fellowship Presbytery Meets a Trinity PCA in Van Wyck |
| March 15 | Missions Conference with Garry Chambers, Guest Preacher |

What about Islam?

During our Sunday evening Bible Study we're being led Pete Lawson and Austin Simpson in a study on teachings of Islam led by Pete Lawson and Austin Simpson. Join at 6 pm tonight us as we continue delve into this important and timely topic.

Faith Promise for World Missions

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| 2025 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2025 | \$ 14,460.00 |
| 2025 Faith Promise Received to date | \$ 10,630.00 |

Collection Duty

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| January | Michael Laws, Richard Sikes |
| February | Brent Christenberry, Jamie Clinton |

Nursery Team

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| Today (1/11) | Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle |
| Next Sunday (1/18) | Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame |

Children's Church Team

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| Today (1/11) | Scharlie Carlisle, Jane Harshaw |
| Next Sunday (1/18) | Barb Lawson, Rick Summerville |

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

Offering Envelopes

If you haven't yet picked up your weekly offering envelopes for 2026, please do so today. They are available in the vestibule. If you don't find one with your name, please see our Church Treasurer Brent Christenberry.

We're Invited

Filbert Presbyterian Church invites us to participate in their "Gospel-Shaped Marriage" conference planned for Saturday March 28, 2026, from 9am to 1pm. Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn will be the main speaker, with his wife (and co-author) Emily joining him for Q&A following the plenary sessions. Lunch will be provided at the end of the conference, and nursery will be provided. The cost is \$15/individual and \$25/couple.

Missions Prayer Requests For January

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us (1 John 5:14)

Garry & Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean) - Pray for more short-term medical volunteers to serve at the clinic in Belize. Praise that needed food and supplies have been sent to Haiti and Cuba to assist those affected by Hurricane Melissa. Praise that needed support for several Caribbean missionaries has come in. Ask God to continue to supply support needs for those missionaries who still need additional support,

Roger & Laura Dye (Family Life-U.S. Latino) - Pray for the Dyes to have skill to write, translate, and produce resources for Christian families. Also pray that these resources will get into the hands of those who will benefit from them. Finally, pray that the financial needs of the ministry will be met.

Brian Howard (RUF-I Clemson) - Praise for the many guests who attended the RUF-I Christmas party and heard the Christmas story for the first time. Pray that the seeds of the gospel that were scattered during this event will land on fertile soil and bear fruit.

Sara Driggers (Wycliffe) - Continue to pray for Sara and her coworkers as they have experienced and change in leadership

Please remember to pray for all of our missionaries and to continue our financial support through giving.

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